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**SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA SHARES PIECE OF L.A. HISTORY AND PARTICIPATES WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS IN STORYCORPS' NATIONAL ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**89.3-FM KPCC HOSTS STORYCORPS DURING 4-WEEK STAY IN LOS ANGELES AS IT TOURS THE U.S. TO CAPTURE STORIES OF EVERYDAY AMERICANS**

LOS ANGELES (January 20, 2009) – Share your piece of history. Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina will be one of Southern California's first to share and invites the public to also participate in StoryCorps' oral history project as the national initiative makes its four-week visit to capture Southern California history from an eastside destination – the East Los Angeles Civic Center Library.

**WHAT:** StoryCorps documents everyday history and the unique stories of Americans, and will collect the stories of Southern California residents as part of its cross-country tour.

**WHEN:** January 29 to February 21, 2009, 10:30AM – 5:30PM, Thursday through Monday, closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**WHERE:** StoryCorps' Mobile StoryBooth – an Airstream Trailer with recording studio parked at East Los Angeles Civic Center Library, 4837 E. Third Street

**HOW:** Made possible by the Capital Group Companies, StoryCorps is partnering with 89.3-FM KPCC, (operated by Southern California Public Radio) to collect approximately 120 interviews during its stay in Los Angeles. A limited number of reservations will open to the public Friday, January 30, 2009 at 10:00 AM. A high volume of calls and online reservations is expected. To assure interested participants have an opportunity to make a reservation, it is encouraged that they call 1-800-850-4406 on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Reservations can also be made online through [www.kpcc.org](http://www.kpcc.org) as soon as they become available. Also, KPCC will air a selection of the stories collected in East L.A., create special programs around the project and selected segments may also air nationally on NPR's *Morning Edition*.

At the MobileBooth, interviews are conducted between two people who know and care about each other. A trained facilitator guides the participants through the interview process and handles the technical aspects of the recording. At the end of a 40-minute session, the participants walk away with a CD of their interview. With permission, a second copy becomes part of an archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress for future generations to hear.

"We are so proud to continue our mission to teach people to become better listeners, foster intergenerational communication among families and communities, and help Americans appreciate the strength in the stories of everyday people they find all around them," said Dave Isay, Founder and President of StoryCorps. "I am proud that out of all the communities in Southern California, KPCC and StoryCorp selected East L.A. as one of the tour stops."

"The East L.A. Civic Center library symbolizes and captures the rich and diverse history of this part of the nation and we look forward to residents throughout Southern Californians sharing their stories here," said Molina.

**BACKGROUND:** Known as the largest multi-year oral history project ever undertaken, StoryCorps was created by award-winning documentary producer and MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient Dave Isay, and has traveled to every corner of America, instructing and inspiring individuals to record their stories in sound. Since its launch in Oct 2003, StoryCorps' has collected interviews in more than 100 towns in 48 states -- over 20,000 stories in all.

For more information visit [www.kpcc.org](http://www.kpcc.org) or [www.StoryCorps.net](http://www.StoryCorps.net). –End–